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has untangled some of the knots that legislation. He has explained the recognized powers of courts and legislative bodies when dealing with railroad rates, and he has drawn the line between actual rulings and proposed remedies.

tion of railroad rates will be carefully studied by those interested in the question. According to Judge Prentis, the situation is as follows: 1. States may control intrastate

ers over carriers to a commission.

3. The act of the State in prescrib-The reasonableness of the rates ceribed is subject to judicial injudicial in-

of the reasonableness of rates ware fixed by legislative authority, therefore the courts should not in

paring rate legislation to other gen-eral legislation. In the case of the in equity, but the presumption of its instice should not be lessened merely

broad ground that' no railroad rate ture of bloods and temperaments and by the Supreme Court in the case of Smith vs. Ames, which grantcorporation rendered it probable that the rate should be justly modified. The justice of any rate can only be determined by conditions from time

These three points are raised by a man whose experience in such matters has been considerable. They are worthy of close consideration, since would go far towards clearing up the present complexities of rate legislation, and would reduce unnecessary litigation.

The struggle for commission government in Alabama has uncovered the real enemies of the plan. The bill prevailed that the bad roads, which now before the Legislature of that have menaced the advancement of the State granting to every city the right State and in many sections almost to inaugurate the new municipal gov- pauperized the farmers, were due to ernment if it so desires met with the inefficiency and lack of interest one knew the source of this antago- the statements of John L. Saunders, nism. It now develops that enemies president of the Supervisors' Associaof commission government are the politicians now in control of various visors themselves, the horrible condi-Alabama cities,

This disclosure will explain much of the opposition to the plan in Virginia, as well as in Alabama. It shows that tenance. The awakening, however, has citizens are not apathetic to real reform, and it places the responsibility the State to the other people have where it belongs. The logic of the issued calls for good roads meetings situation is plain. A favorable vote on the commission plan of government | ways, is the death warrant to every municipal ring in Alabama. The occupation of these politicians will be gone.

This is due to the fact that experience has shown beyond doubt that the commissions thus far established are Kenbridge, Chase City, Clarksville always revolt against the politicians, account of bad roads, for the most

people are aroused, good men are raising truck and small fruit and enchosen for the commission. The ward gaging in the dairy business, none of tician is forsaken. Naturally enough, unless good roads extend from the these men resent the invasion of their farm to the shipping point of marfield, and bitterly resent any effort ket. The Times-Dispatch carnestly to oust them. When the fight for advocates the building of permanen self in this respect.

One feature of the proposed ac; in Alabama must gain supporters. The great Commonwealth, Entered January 27, 1903, at Richmond, Va., form is necessary or desirable, they

can inaugurate the commission plan. CHAIRMAN PRENTIS ON RAILROAD next Legislature. No city need change its system of government unless there Chairman Prentis's speech before the is good reason for it; but every city State Bar Association on Wednesday that is disgusted with the present bind the question of railroad rate by perfunctory constitutional restricginia city, the other cities of the State But we believe they should all be at liberty to choose, regardless of their

King Alphonso's task of guiding the the most difficult race in Europe t

The original inhabitants of Spain called Iberia in the time of the Romans. But the restless Celts broke in on Iberia in such vast numbers that the race formed by this mixed people were called the Celtiberians.

After this irruption in rapid succession came the Phoenicians, who paved the way for their blood kin, the Carthagenians. Every schoolboy knows how this latter race made Spain a great battlessand held of the welfare of the counties; and record the welfare of the counties; and record because they must keep their respective counties abreast with a great battlessand held was and in the front rank of progress. New Hanover county has

tween the Catalonians and their fel-

omerged the Spanish nature, and mixcreeds can partially account for the perversities of its people and the difficulties of its rulers.

supplemental bill changing the THE OUTLOOK FOR BETTER ROADS. REAL ENEMIES OF COMMISSION bonds amounting to more than a million dollars for the building of high-

violent opposition from the first. No of the supervisors, but, according to at last come, and from one end of with a view to securing suitable high-

Last night the people of Alexandria county planned to construct a model road between Washington and Alexandria, and within the next two weeks meetings will be held at Blackstone, above politics. Not only so, but the and Boydton. The United States Decities which have tried the plan find partment of Agriculture is authority that politicians are not chosen to the for the statement that the farmers of commission. When the test vote Virginia by reason of added cost of comes, and when the people realize transportation alone over bad roads that the commission is to have full are losing nearly \$10,000,000 a year, control of the city government, they Nor is this the extent of the loss on

neeler has no chance, the ring poll- which, however, can be engaged in prosperity must follow to the farmers, the backbone and sinews of every

What does the Richmond Times-Dispatch think of the defeat of Mr. Eugene C. Massie for the Legislature? It is hard to understand it from this distance. We ask entirely for information.—Norfolk Landmark,
Mr. Eugene Massie, asking re-election to the Legislature from Richmond.

tion to the Legislature from Richmond, advocated most of the measures which The Times-Dispatch blamed Messrs. Tucker and Mann for failing to discuss, and he was decidedly defeated by the constituency which The Times-

any fault in Mr. Massie's platform, or to any distrust of his abilities. He was opposed by some men who could command a larger personal following, and, in consequence, he was pushed Some Years Hence. Mr. Massle did not make a very accrete reform. Like many others, he An Audience in Reserve found that voters prefer handshaking and florid oratory. So far as our "measures" are concerned, the Virginian-Pilot honors us by crediting us with peculiar proprietorship for measures that pertain to the upbuilding of 'measures' will accomplish more good content themselves with handshaking

the movement attention and strongly urged the building of good roads. The planning of automobile routes from the North to the South has given the movement an impetus recently and there has been vigorous action by many communities to get situated along such routes, because the benefit that will be derived is plain. Wilmington people should arouse themselves to this latest development in the good roads situation. A route through Virginia, down this way and then on into the deeper South would be the right thing and such a route would profit both the sections and the automobilists.

—Wilmington Dispatch.

## BLEACHING THE BLUE LAWS.

Sinday, but there is a worldly twenter that the century exception at the end which includes "works of necessity and mercy" and such diversions as may contribute to "the general welfare of the community."

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## Borrowed Jingles. The Courts of Europe

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RECIPE FOR FLYING.

Mix a thousand feet of lumber

With a million yards of luck;

Take a hundred yards of canvas

And a billion miles of luck;

Other hards of indifference,

With a cold by some big city

Where you surely will be seen;

Rig a queer, new-langled rudder,

Turn it shipshape with a wheel,

Get a thousand-doilar motor

And some nerves of finest steel;

Get your picture in the paper,

Say you're "not quite ready yet,"

And if you should take a tumble—

Why, just light a cigarette.

When the whole thing's put together

Call it your "new aeroplane,"

And if you don't succeed at lirst,

Why, liy, fiy again.

Get a President, if handy,

And of Senators a score,

A regiment of cavalry

And, of course, a Signal Corps.

Pick a day that's caim and windless,

With a clear and cloudless sky;

Get aboard and start the motor

And then—well, perhans you'll fiy.

MEKELY JOKING.

A Model Loan Friend.

"You must not interrupt me when I am speaking, Ethel,"

HIGHWAY BUILDING IN CAROLINA. HAVING promulgated a five-foot book-shelf and a five-foot religion with

of an aviator to "follow in his father's foosteps."-Chicago Record-Herald.

Sereno E. Payne, the proud author of the new tarin law, is going in for golf. Is he trying to quality for the Taft Cabinet? He might want to administer as well as make the law.—Philaielphia Press.

Of course, the new tariff law is now in effect, but when the returns of the next election are in, it will be contemplated in the light of a cause.—Houston Post.

NO HOPE FOR THE HOOP-SKIRT.

Nordan's Suggestion Barred by Lack

The prediction of Dr. Max Nordau in the Vienna Neue Freie Presse that the

tions of to-day are united missed to dealy a supersonal care and an accordance of the coverywhere for the hoop-skirt. Elevators were practically unknown; trolley cars with limited space between seats had not been designed, and the side-walks of narrow streets with the side-walks of narrow streets with the conception to hoop-skirt would be declared an obstruction wherever it appeared—in elevators, surface and underground cars and attempts and underground cars and attempts in close-stitus, close and the street of the WATSON'S LATEST.

Predicts Division of the United States Into Four Countries.

The Honorable Tom Watson, lawyer and editor by profession, statesman in spite of himself, and candidate on the side, is an unspeakable refreshment to a perspiring and tariff-weary public. The flowers of his fancy bloom perennially, age cannot wither nor custom state his infinite variety. He finds sermons in stones, books in the running brooks and themes in the speeches of members of the Cabinet. He is just now the fond parent of the suggestion that the Union be split up into four grand divisions—this apropos of Secretary Dickinson's declaration that the South is glad that secession falled—and the assertion that "the hemisphere will be all the happier for it."

The happiness of the hemisphere will be all the happier for it."

The happiness of the hemisphere will be all the happier and suspiratory is a picture to move even the callous to tears. But we are entitled away from the purely emotional side of the question by the challenge which it throws down to the imagination. Where would be the boundaries of Mr. Watson's nations after the United States had increased the census of republics by fission? What would be the names of the new domains? Would they be the Wet, the Dry, the Arid and the Bostonese—distinguished as to climate, meteorological, bacchanalian and psychological? Would the Mississippi and the Ohio be boundaries once more, as of yore?

As in '61, what should we do about Kentucky? And which one of the quartet should have Guam? A war between sisters—we refer not to the suffragettes, but to the personified republics—would be a sad blot on an ora of improved communication and of revision in both directions; but we see, on first glance, no way in which the cuestion of Guam could be peaceably determined. Still, the pian has its attractive points; think of four American ambassadors near the Court of St. James!

We have mourned over the disappearance from our midst of Citizen.

ampassadors near the Court of St. James!
We have mourned over the disappearance from our midst of Citizen Train and his comments on men and events. We begin to be comforted,—St. Louis Republic.

Children Cry

FOR FLETCHER'S

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Work Ahead for the Party.

To our way of thinkings the State of Virginia is to-day in greater need of a vigorous assertion of the right of franchisthan it has been for many years. The demagogue arises to power on the seceding wave of public indifference; the processional politician selzes the reins of government when the people refuse to exercise their vested power to prevent his enthronement. There is no bow of promise for great filings spanning the next administration of State affairs. There is work to be done; departmental reforms to be inaugurated, progressive development along all lines is

## Voice of the People.

Captain Jeffress's Recollections.

THE WONDERBERRY TROUBLE.

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It is a sad story that comes to us from New York, with appendices from California, concerning the "wonderberry" of Luther Burbank. An Englering that the wonderberry is nothing more nor less than the black nightshade, the Rural New Yorker took up the matter and wrote to the California "wizard" a letter of inquiry. To this Mr. Burbank replied that he was "rendy to make an offer of \$10,000 cash, cold, coin, if any living person on earth proves that the wonderberry is the black nightshade or any other berry ever before known on this planet until T produced it." The New Yorke diltor then proceeded to invest and berries and have the same examined. Bottanists of acknowledged allily pronounced the fruit black nightshade, and Mr. Burbank, instead of bringing the "cold coin" out from the certifyerator, simply reminded the Rural New Yorker of his liberality in discussing the question gratuitously, when "I am usually paid something like \$100 per column for my words."

Burbank's New Berry Declarations to us a grayish-white emolient, with a pleasant odor, and very cleanly for a pleasant odor, and very cleanly for apraising pleasant odor, and very cleanly for apparation, the pleasant odor, and very cleanly for apparation of pleasant odor, and very cleanly for apparation of pleasant odor, and very cleanly for apparation of pleasant odor, and very cleanly for apparation produces a pleasant odor, and very cleanly for apparation of refirst apparation produces a pleasant odor, and very cleanly for apparation of pleasant odor, and very cleanly for apleasant odor, and very cleanly of pleasant odor, and very cleanly (Copyright, 1909, by the Brentwood Company.)

of the world, while Brazilians, Fren men, Americans and Germans fly! Pittsburg Dispatch.

made possible only by the introduc-tion from Australia of a natural enemy of the white scale—a pestiferous crea-ture which a few years ago was de-stroying the orange and lemon or-chards of the Southwest.—Memphis Commercial-Appeal

Greet's Gloomy Predictions Hardly Accord With Conditions.

Ben Greet, who has striven most industriously for the elevation of the stage, and has kept his standards high in the face of many disappointments, in a recent interview expressed the opinion that the dramatic situation was not encouraging in this country, because in this autobiography he mentions in the name of Robert E. Lee fifteen times and always in a compilmentary manner. After the battle of Cerro Gordo he says: "I am compelled to make special mention of the services of Captain R. E. Lee, engineer. This make special mention of the services of Captain R. E. Lee, engineer. This confider, greatly distinguished at the siege of Vera Cruz, was again indended and during these operations in reconsilistations of the utmost value. Nor was he reconspictuous in planting batterless and of the utmost value. Nor was he loss conspictuous in planting batterless and in conducting columns to their intended to the stations under the heavy fire of the enemy." And again on another occusion has not conducting columns to their is stations under the heavy fire of the enemy." And again on another occusion has conspictuous in planting batterless and in conducting columns to their issue of the stations under the heavy fire of the enemy." And again on another occusion has conspictuous in planting batterless and in conducting columns to their issue of the stations under the heavy fire of the same class have been largely after his return from Europe (1810). Scott married Miss Maria Mayo, the answer of the same class have been largely after his return from Europe (1810). Scott married Miss Maria Mayo, the daughter of an eminent citizen, John Mayo, Esq., of Richmond, Va. a young lady more admired in her citcle than her solder husband, who, however, was highly freated and honored everywhere—in Richmond, by the whole State—in that is, by the Governor, legislators, judges and many other of her first conditions of the same class have been at a musical comedy show or in a summer garden her solder husband, who, however, was highly interesting. However, and the solder husband, who, however, was highly interesting. However, and the solder husband, who, however, was her solder husband, who however,

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